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FRANCE:

SHAEF ANNOUNCED LATE THIS AFTERNOON THAT STRONG FORCES OF THE FIRST ALLIED AIRBORNE ARMY HAD LANDED IN HOLLAND. SUPREME HEADQUARTERS DID NOT SAY WHERE THE LANDINGS HAD TAKEN PLACE BUT THE GERMANS SAID THE ALLIED AIRBORNE SOLDIERS HAD DROPPED IN SOUTHERN HOLLAND. GENERAL EISENHOWER HAS BROADCAST INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PEOPLE OF HOLLAND. HE WARNED DUTCH PATRIOTS TO FOLLOW PRECISELY THE ORDERS OF THEIR LEADERS. THE LANDING WAS PRECEDED BY AN ATTACK OF OVER 750 AMERICAN BOMBERS. THE HEAVIES BLASTED ENEMY GUN POSITIONS OVER A WIDE AREA IN HOLLAND. LAST NIGHT, RAF BOMBERS HAD BOMBED AIRFIELDS IN HOLLAND AND GERMANY.

THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY HAS MADE A COMPLETE BREAKTHROUGH IN THE SIEGFRIED LINE NEAR AACHEN. YANK REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN RUSHED THROUGH THE BREACH AND VERY HEAVY FIGHTING IS GOING ON. THE SIEGFRIED LINE HAS BEEN 'PENETRATED' AT THREE OTHER PLACES BUT SO FAR ONLY ONE PENETRATION HAS REACHED THE PROPORTIONS OF A BREAKTHROUGH. OTHER FIRST ARMY TROOPS HAVE CROSSED THE MEUSE RIVER BEYOND MAASTRICHT "IN FORCE" AND ARE ADVANCING TOWARD THE GERMAN BORDER. THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY NOW HAS A THIRD CROSSING OF THE ESCAUT CANAL. THE NAZIS ARE FIGHTING HARD TO CONTAIN THE BRITISH WITHIN THEIR BRIDGEHEADS SO THAT THEY (THE GERMANS), CAN WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS FROM THE SCHELDE ESTUARY. CANADIAN FORCES ARE NOW WELL ACROSS THE LEOPOLD CANAL AND WERE LAST REPORTED ABOUT 5 MILES FROM THE BANK OF THE SCHELDE. OTHER CANADIAN FORCES HAVE TAKEN A VILLAGE NEAR CAPE GRIZ NEZ.

THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY IS ACROSS THE MOSELLE RIVER "IN STRENGTH". THERE IS VERY HEAVY FIGHTING GOING ON NEAR METZ AND BELFORT. GENERAL PATTON'S TANKS ARE CLOSING IN ON METZ FROM THE SOUTH AND INFANTRY IS ATTACKING FROM THE NORTH. YANKS HAVE DRIVEN BEYOND NANCY AND THERE ARE SIGNS OF A GENERAL GERMAN WITHDRAWAL IN THIS AREA.

THE ALLIED SEVENTH ARMY HAS PRACTICALLY CLEARED THE WHOLE OF THE UPPER MARNE VALLEY. SEVENTH ARMY TROOPS HAVE TAKEN CHAUMONT. IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, ALLIED TROOPS HAVE ENTERED MORDAIN AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE RAILWAY PASS LINKING FRANCE WITH ITALY.

RUSSIA:

MOSCOW RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED THAT VERY BITTER STREET FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF WARSAW. GENERAL BOR, THE LEADER OF THE POLISH PATRIOT ARMY FIGHTING IN WARSAW, HAS LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON THE GERMANS. RUSSIAN ARTILLERY IS SHELLING THE CITY AND RED AIR FORCE PLANES ARE HITTING WARSAW WITH BOMBS. NORTH OF PRAGA, MASSED RUSSIAN TANKS ARE HAMMERING THEIR WAY FORWARD. THE REDS ARE PUSHING AHEAD BY MEANS OF A SERIES OF OUTFLANKING MOVEMENTS. THE NAZIS, IN DESPERATION, HAVE THROWN SUPPLY SERVICE TROOPS AND A HUNGARIAN CAVALRY DIVISION INTO THE BATTLE BUT THE REDS ARE RELENTLESSLY PRESSING ON.

IN LATVIA, A NIGHT RUSSIAN DRIVE HAS TORN "DEEP BREACHES" IN THE GERMAN LINES ACCORDING TO THE NAZIS AND RED ARMY TROOPS ARE MOVING FORWARD IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA SUPPORTED BY PLANES. IN TRANSYLVANIA, THE SOVIET FORCES GAINED ANOTHER 12 MILES YESTERDAY FAR TO THE WEST OF JASSY. IN BULGARIA, THE RUSSIANS HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE CAPITAL, SOFIA.

MARSHALL TITO'S YUGOSLAV PARTISANS HAVE CAPTURED THE CHIEF TOWN OF WESTERN SERBIA AND OTHER YUGOSLAV FORCES HAVE LANDED ON SEVERAL ISLANDS OFF THE DALMATIAN COAST.

ENGLAND:

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND MR. CHURCHILL IN A JOINT STATEMENT AFTER THEIR CONFERENCE AT QUEBEC SAID THAT "DECISIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED ON THE ACTION NECESSARY TO DEFEAT JAPAN." MR. CHURCHILL TOLD REPORTERS THAT BRITAIN WAS DETERMINED TO TAKE HER FULL SHARE IN THE PACIFIC WAR. THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM WILL BE LOGISTICS IN THE PACIFIC WAR BECAUSE OF THE VAST NUMBERS OF MEN AND SUPPLIES THAT MUST BE MOVED AFTER THE EUROPEAN WAR IS OVER.

THE UNITED NATIONS ARE MEETING AT MONTREAL TO DISCUSS PLANS TO EASE THE SUFFERINGS OF OVERRUN COUNTRIES AND THE RETURN OF AXIS SLAVE LABOR TO THEIR HOMES.

ITALY:

THE EIGHTH ARMY NOW HOLDS A FIRM BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE LAST RIVER BARRIER BEFORE RIMINI. FIFTH ARMY TROOPS ARE MEETING STIFF OPPOSITION NEAR THE GOTHIC LINE NORTH OF FLORENCE. BRITISH DESTROYERS HAVE SUNK FIVE GERMAN SHIPS NORTH OF CRETE AND ALLIED BOMBERS HAVE HIT BOLOGNE IN NORTHERN ITALY AND HAVE DESTROYED 60 GERMAN TRANSPORT PLANES ON AIRFIELDS NEAR ATHENS.

PACIFIC:

IN THE PACIFIC, AMERICAN TROOPS WHO HAVE LANDED ON PALAU ISLAND HAVE CAPTURED THE MAIN AIRFIELD AFTER BITTER FIGHTING. UNITS OF THE 81ST INFANTRY DIVISION HAVE LANDED ON ANOTHER ISLAND IN THE PALAU GROUP. THE YANKS HAVE GAINED ALL THEIR FIRST OBJECTIVES. IN THE HALMAHERAS, AMERICAN TROOPS ARE BUILDING UP STRONG BASES AGAINST LIGHT OPPOSITION.

MAJOR LEAGUE BALL SCORES:

<u>AMERICAN</u>		<u>NATIONAL</u>
ST LOUIS: 9	... CHICAGO: 0	CINCINNATI: 2, 3 ... PITTSBURGH: 1, 1
BOSTON: 11	... WASHINGTON: 5	CHICAGO: 9 ... ST LOUIS: 5
PHILADELPHIA: 6	... NEW YORK: 3	BROOKLYN: 5, 2 ... BOSTON: 4, 4

STANDINGS IN FIRST DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE:

ST LOUIS: 554
NEW YORK: 551
DETROIT: 551
BOSTON: 532 (NEW YORK AND DETROIT ARE A HALF GAME OUT OF FIRST, BOSTON IS THREE GAMES OUT OF FIRST PLACE.)



WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME DAT BIG GUY WAS HER OLDMAN!